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37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2613

PATENT  
1163-268P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kuroda et al. Conf.: 9554  
Appl. No.: 09/545,172 Group: 2613  
Filed: April 6, 2000 Examiner: A. Wong  
For: IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE AND IMAGE DECODING  
DEVICE

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 30, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 of the Primary Examiner twice rejecting claims 6-11, 20-29, 31 and 33-38.

☐ This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Office Action. Thus a fee of \$430.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for responding to the Office Action was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☒ Large entity - \$340.00

☐ Small Entity - \$170.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$770.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$770.00 is/are enclosed.

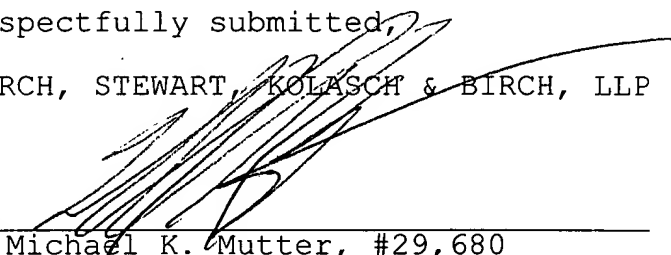
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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